

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.56
(ID # 14114)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, December 15, 2020

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Monthly Report November 2020. All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the CARES Act monthly report for November 2020.
2. Direct the Executive Office to work with County departments to identify incurred COVID-19 expenses and return to the Board of Supervisors as part of the January CARES Monthly Report

ACTION:Policy


Lisa D Brandt 12/11/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended, IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED to fund Great Plates through December 30, 2020, at two meals per day.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 15, 2020
xc: E.O.

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	20/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [Approve]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On May 19, 2020, the Board directed the Executive Office to provide monthly progress reports related to the CARES Act funding and its allocations.

The County of Riverside is a recipient of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding from the U.S. Treasury to cover expenses necessary to respond to the ongoing public health and economic emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. CARES Act funding criteria applied to local government entities with a population of 500,000 or greater according to United States Census data. The county is the tenth largest in the nation by population (2.4 million residents), and as such, received a direct allocation from the federal government in the amount of \$431,091,226. The County was also appropriated and received an additional \$56,203,389 in State CARES Act funding. As stipulated through the U.S. Treasury CARES guidelines, the funding provided shall be used towards necessary expenses related to homelessness, public health, public safety and other services necessary to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARES Act funding cannot be used to backfill lost revenue. According to the Department of Treasury guidelines for Governments, the funding can only be used for COVID-19 related response activities and costs that are:

1. Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act); and,
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Current CARES Act Administration Activities

The Executive Office was designated by the Board to be the administrator of the CARES funds. As part of the administration effort, the RIVCOCARES team was formed to validate eligibility of expenses and ensure full compliance with the U.S. Treasury funding guidelines. Administration activities for the month of November included, but were not limited to:

- Reviewed and verified all departmental eligibility documentation for COVID-19 response-related expenditures for the period of July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020;
- Completed eligibility determination for county departments reimbursable expenses for the period of October 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020
- Continued collaboration with departments in review of vendor agreements, purchase orders and other expenditures to verify CARES Act funding eligibility, and expedite payment
- Completed regional hospitals and skilled nursing facilities reimbursement processing in the amount of \$13,677,089 and completed eligibility determination for the period of July 1 through August 31
- Held a collaborative meeting with the Desert Health Care Foundation to provide guidance on CARES funding eligibility and requirements;
- Expedited a total allocation of \$7.1 million to the Business and Community Services Department for the Riverside County Tourism Recovery Campaign, Small Business Assistance Grant Program, and Business Ambassador's Program
- Facilitated a CARES payment strategy for the Daycare for Essential Workers program
- Continued coordination with the Facilities Management Department to track COVID-19 capital projects progress to ensure a completion date on or before December 30, 2020

CARES Act Categories

Five categories for CARES Act funding were created: Business Assistance Response, Riverside County Government Response and Preparation, Congregate Care Facilities, Homelessness/Rental Assistance/Sheltering/Workforce Development, and Regional Health Care System Response. The Executive Office is working with county departments and regional hospitals to refine and maximize CARES Act funding. Attachment A is the high-level infographic of the categories, and Attachment B is a detailed list of the CARES Act actual and projected expenses.

Business Assistance Response:

On June 2, the Board created the COVID 19 - Small Business Assistance Grant program and allocated \$46.5 million of CARES Act funding to aid small businesses enduring hardships due to the coronavirus pandemic, administered through the Business and Community Services department (formerly known as the Economic Development Agency). The COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program is open to small businesses in cities

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

and unincorporated areas within Riverside County. The program provides a \$10,000 grant to individual businesses affected by closures and interruptions in response to COVID-19.

In partnership with the non-profit organization, Main Street Launch, the program affords struggling businesses the ability to maintain service levels, retain employees, and address new health and safety practices required to continue operations. Due to overwhelming demand, on October 6, 2020, the Board of Supervisors added an additional \$5.2 million in funding to the grant program which will allow for 500 additional grants to be issued to small businesses along with the administrative fees for the non-profit organization to administer the program.

The COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program has concluded two rounds of applications. Round I (June 3 – 19, 2020) and Round II (June 29 - August 31, 2020) provided 2,667 grants as of the week ending August 1, 2020. The third and final Round launched on September 16th and closed on November 13th. Grants funded collectively within all rounds through October 31, 2020, amount to \$42.14 million. Application processing and funding for Round III is in process and will be provided upon completion. Eligibility requirements consistent in all three rounds are as follows: Private for-profit businesses; business must have experienced a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19; businesses with less than 50 employees; and operating for a minimum of one-year as of March 1, 2020. Round II expanded eligibility included: Sole proprietors that do not have employees; and businesses that received the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or advance. Round III granted additional expanded eligibility, allowing Paycheck Protection Program recipients (\$75,000 or less).

To promote the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program, flyers were distributed door-to-door to business communities throughout the county along with direct contact through email and phone calls. The grant program gained public exposure through media outlets, webinars, and partnerships with cities, chambers, and members of the Economic Recovery Task Force, and also received the Business Retention & Expansion Award at the Inland Empire Economic Partnership Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards Ceremony. Attachments C and D include the COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program Summary Report dated November 13, 2020, and the Grant Program Award press release, respectively.

Tourism Recovery Campaign - On October 6, 2020, the Board created the Tourism Recovery Campaign and allocated \$1.5 million of the Riverside County Business Assistance CARES Act allocation to support and help rebuild the county's tourism industry as a result of negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. This program provides funding for several key organizations whose primary function is to grow tourism and convention/conference activity in the county and support the hospitality industry. These industry groups will utilize the funding to support the short and long-term recovery of the tourism industry in all parts of the county.

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Business Ambassador Program - On October 6, 2020 the Board allocated \$425,000 of the Riverside County Business Assistance CARES Act allocation for the Business Ambassador Program (BAP). Riverside County Business and Community Services (RCBCS) administers this program which was created in July 2020 to support businesses with COVID-19 readiness and reopening. Through the program, Business Ambassadors which are comprised of RCBCS, Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA), and Public Health (if needed) staff will, at no-cost, conduct an individualized in-person, virtual, or telephone consultation to help identify ways businesses can operate safely and stay in compliance with reopening guidelines. During the visit, businesses are provided a toolkit which includes State Industry Guidance and Checklists, protocols for when employees test positive for COVID-19, face masks, mask compliance posters and other resource information. Businesses can even take the "Greater Together, Safer Together" pledge to demonstrate to their customers and employees their commitment to safe and healthy operating practices. Thus far, we have visited or communicated with 214 businesses. This requested allocation of funding will offset RCBCS and TLMA staffing and administrative costs along with any additional programmatic costs needed to implement the program.

Total Committed Expenses for Business Assistance Response: \$53,675,000

Riverside County Government Response and Preparation:

This category includes all county departments responding to and mitigating COVID-19 activities, including the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Department Operations Center (DOC), Riverside University Health System and Public Health. This category also includes county departments COVID-19 related expenses. The Riverside County Government Response and Preparation continues to be the largest expense category / allocation under the CARES Act funding with \$192 million in eligible COVID-19 expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Expenses include but are not limited to: all COVID-19 related labor, medical supplies, medical equipment, contact tracing, temporary public testing facilities, modified medical/clinical treatment facilities and related construction costs, teleworking, workplace modifications, social distancing, disinfection, meals distribution and non-congregate sheltering. This category also includes COVID-19 capital projects such as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), District Attorney Banning Office Modifications, RUHS Behavioral Health – Emergency Housing Conversion and the Criminal Justice Building Air Handling and Duct Cleaning. Other activities / highlights within this category include:

- Providing additional opportunities for COVID-19 free testing offered at 12 sites located throughout the county to mitigate case numbers through early detection. The related informational press release is located under Attachment E.

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

- A messaging created to caution Riverside County residents to keep holiday gatherings 'Smaller, Shorter, Safer'. The outreach messaging is included under Attachment F.
- The "RivCo responds" infographic which was created to highlight the coordinated response to our residents, critical workers, as well as businesses and non-profit community. It reflects twenty different programs, along with the funds dedicated to support the programs included or the current number of people served. Information regarding the program is listed under Attachment G.

Great Plates Program- As of June 30, 2020, Riverside County provided 3 meals per day to assist the seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 to stay home and stay healthy. As of December 14, 2020, the number of meals provided was reduced to 2 meals per day. The program will be discontinued as of December 18, 2020 and a notification to that effect was distributed to all participating restaurants.

Total Estimated and Committed Expenses for the Riverside County Government Response and Preparation: \$322,619,226

Congregate Care Facilities:

This category is for COVID-19 related expenses in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, memory care, rehabilitation, jails and juvenile halls. Congregate care facilities present challenges for populations in these settings and thus, prevention planning and environmental measures are critical. Eligible expenses include but not limited to; Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), training, testing, disinfection, and quarantine and/or housing of specific individuals.

Direct care response services including COVID-19 testing and telehealth technology continue to be provided to inmates within the county jails as a result of funding provided for building improvements that allowed for social distancing and spread mitigation.

The Skilled Nursing Facilities support teams continue to provide extensive weekly training and N95 fit testing support to Skilled Nursing Facilities. The County of Riverside received CARES funding reimbursement requests from the Skilled Nursing Facilities in the amount of \$732,334. This amount represents eligible labor, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), teleworking, social distancing, medical equipment and medical supplies related expenses which were incurred between July 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020.

Total Estimated Expenses for the Congregate Care facilities: \$34,000,000

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Homelessness/Rental Assistance/Sheltering/Workforce Development:

Riverside County Rental Relief Fund - On June 2, the Board created the Riverside County Rental Relief Fund (RCRRF) in the amount of \$30 million of CARES Act funding for renters and landlords affected by economic impacts from COVID-19. The RCRRF program is administered through the Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions Department (HHPWS) and was officially launched on June 15th. On September 29th, the Board of Supervisors modified the program funding to maximize CARES Act expenditures and approved the Department's request to reprogram \$8.2 million in CARES funding to support Project Homekey, which will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless residents. This funding was replaced with \$8.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding leaving the total rental assistance fund at the originally approved \$30 million mark. The use of CDBG and ESG funding will allow the fund to remain operational past the December 31st CARES Act spending deadline.

As of November 9th, 5,654 households have received assistance totaling more than \$19.5 million in payments to local landlords. There are currently 3,000 applications in process and under review. The program, directly administered by SoCal United Way and Lift to Rise, continues to be open to new applicants. Applications can be submitted online at www.unitedlift.org or via phone by calling 2-1-1.

Non-Profit Assistance Fund - On June 9th, the Board committed \$5 million in CARES Act funding for the Non-Profit Assistance Fund to assist the nonprofit sector. HHPWS also administers this program in partnership with the Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF). The program consists of small grants up to \$10,000 issued to qualified non-profits who are financially impacted by COVID-19. The first round of applications resulted in 391 grants totaling \$3.6 million. A second round of applications closed on September 30th resulting in 50 grants totaling \$468,543. A third application round closed November 5th; there were 53 applications received, requesting a total of \$466,947. This will result in a balance of approximately \$80,000-\$90,000 remaining after Round III. The Executive Office is currently evaluating opportunities to re-allocate the remaining funding to the Daycare for Essential Workers program.

Project Roomkey - The Emergency Management Division in partnership with HHPWS launched Project Roomkey in March of 2020 to provide non-congregate sheltering to vulnerable homeless residents. The program targets homeless residents who are of age 65 or older, pregnant and/or those who are deemed medically vulnerable. To date 846 individuals were assisted through this program which has provided 69,201 nights of shelter during the COVID emergency. Of the 493 individuals who have exited the program; 216 have transitioned to permanent housing and 277 have transitioned to alternate shelter programs to better serve their needs. Currently there are 343 active individuals in the

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

program, and HHPWS is actively working to transition these individuals into permanent housing.

Homekey - On September 29, 2020 the Board committed \$8,150,000 in CARES Act funding to support three housing projects funded through the State of California’s Homekey initiative. HHPWS, through a competitive funding process, secured approximately \$10.5 million in state funding to acquire three housing facilities which will create 121 units of permanent supportive housing and 50 beds of transitional housing. A summary of the projects can be found in the table below.

Name of Project	Type	Location	Units Created	Population Served
Project Legacy	Multi-family housing acquisition	City of Riverside	50 beds of transitional housing	HIV affected, LGBTQ
Ivy Palms	Motel Conversion	City of Palm Springs	81 units of permanent supportive housing	General homeless
Mt. View Estates	Mobile Homes	Thermal	40 units of affordable housing	Farmworkers

Distance Learning - On July 17, 2020, Governor Newsom announced new statewide rules for private and public schools. These provisions required schools located in counties on the state’s COVID-19 watch list to start the 2020-21 school year with distance learning. Riverside County was included on the watch list at that time. In response to this announcement, the Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$12 million to support distance learning for Riverside County students. The funding was divided among three programs to serve students attending public K-12 schools, public adult schools, and private K-12 schools. HHPWS serves as lead on these programs, which provide funding for the purchase of computer devices and hotspots for distribution to and use by students.

Public K-12 Schools - The Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) received an allocation of \$10 million dollars in CARES funding to support the “All for One” campaign, an effort to bridge the digital divide which disproportionately affects low-income students and students of color. This program targets primary and secondary schools in the County’s public-school system. On October 2, 2020, \$10 million dollars in CARES Act funds were wire transferred to the Riverside County Office of Education Foundation on behalf of RCOE. As of November 9, 2020, RCOE is in the process of purchasing approximately 25,106 computers and 11,433 mobile hotspots to benefit public K-12 students.

Public Adult Schools - \$1 million dollars in CARES Act funding was allocated to the Public Adult School Educational Device Program. There are 20 public adult schools in operation in Riverside County, serving over 15,000 students, the majority of whom face significant barriers. October 28, 2020, one million dollars in CARES Act funds were wire transferred to Moreno Valley Unified School District, which is acting as program administrator on behalf of the adult school consortia. As of November 9, the schools were in the process of

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

purchasing 2,552 computers and 346 mobile hotspots to benefit public adult school students.

Private K-12 Schools - \$1 million dollars in CARES Act funding was allocated to the Private K-12 School Educational Device Program. There are approximately 130 private schools in operation in Riverside County, serving an estimated 24,793 students.

HHPWS staff have outreached and marketed the program to private primary and secondary schools throughout the County. As of November 9, 2020, 19 schools have applied to receive 381 computer devices and 45 hotspots for underserved students at private K-12 schools. The total dollar amount requested by applicants is \$155,113. Of the 19 applications received, 18 are currently being reviewed for approval; one has been fully approved and the corresponding agreement is pending signature. More information about the Educational Device Program for Private K-12 Schools can be found online at <https://rivcworkforce.com/PrivateSchoolGrants.aspx>.

Youth Community Corps - On August 4th, the Board of Supervisors launched the Youth Community Corps with an allocation of \$2 million CARES Act funding. The Youth Community Corps is designed to both engage youth in vocational training, and to provide opportunities for youth to support larger community efforts which address the economic impacts of COVID. The program provides youth (ages 16-24) countywide with a paid internship at a local nonprofit or municipality. Participating youth will receive a \$2,150 stipend for a 6-week internship or a \$4,550 stipend for a 12-week internship.

Through the initial allocation of CARES Act funding, the Corps was expected to serve 100 youth per Supervisorial District for a total of 500 youth. Due to demand for the program, on September 29th the Board of Supervisors allocated an additional \$2 million in CARES Act funding to the Corps.

As of November 9, 2020, 697 youth have been placed in worksites and there are currently 120 nonprofit and municipal organizations participating as Corps worksites. In addition, the number of 12-week internships has expanded to allow for greater earning and learning opportunities for very low-income youth.

Homes for the Harvest - On July 24, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of the Housing for the Harvest program. The program is designed to provide temporary hotel housing options for essential farm and food processing employees who are either COVID-19 positive or exposed, who do not require hospitalization, to have safe and suitable places to isolate. On August 25th, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$1,000,000 in CARES Act Funding to launch a local Homes for the Harvest program. The Homes for the Harvest program launched on September 7th, and TODEC, a local nonprofit, is serving as the program coordinator and service provider. As of November 9th, 101 households have received assistance under the program. TODEC continues to market the program and work

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

with other local non-profits, Federally Qualified Health Centers, the County Public Health Office, and others to ensure that farmworkers with COVID are aware of the resources. This program is on target to serve approximately 200 farmworkers.

Pathways to Employment - The Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$4 million in CARES funding to address the financial impacts of COVID on unemployed residents through the formation of the Pathways to Employment program. Pathways to Employment targets adults ages 18 and over that have been impacted by COVID and lost income/employment during the pandemic. Participants are provided with “earn and learn” opportunities where they receive a living wage stipend along with job training and mentoring opportunities. The goal is to provide a financial support program that will also assist participants in acquiring job skills and experience to succeed in today’s changing work environment. The program matches unemployed/underemployed adults with local nonprofits and government entities that are struggling with increases in demand for services thereby also assisting in the community response to the pandemic. Participating adults receive a \$5,120 stipend for an 8-week job placement or a \$7,680 stipend for a 12-week job placement.

As of November 10, 2020, 990 residents have completed interest forms and 303 participants have been placed with a non-profit or government entity for job training. Pathways to Employment continues to recruit non-profits and government entities, and currently has 30 agencies signed up to participate in the program with several more interested in partnering with the program. As of November 10, 2020, the program has expended \$712,244 in stipends and supportive services (i.e. bus passes, uniforms, gas cards) for program participants. Based on current program utilization trends, staff projects that the program will serve 400 participants, 35 service sites (non-profit and governmental partners) and will have expended \$2,772,605. This will leave \$1,227,395 in unspent funds that are available to support other CARES funded initiatives.

The “Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions CARES Act Infographic” was created to highlight eight different programs (Pathways to Employment, Rental Assistance, Project Roomkey, RCOE “All for One” Campaign, Homekey, Non-Profit Assistance, Youth Community Corps and Housing for Harvest programs) that support the community and are funded through the CARES Act. The related infographic is included under Attachment H.

**Total Homelessness/Rental Assistance/Sheltering/Workforce Development
Committed Expenses: \$56,000,000**

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regional Health Care System Response (formerly Regional Hospital Response):

Regional Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Clinics incurred COVID-19 response eligible expenses in the approximate amount of \$22,255,162 as of March 1, 2020 and through August 31, 2020. Those expenses include but are not limited to; labor, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), teleworking, social distancing, medical equipment and medical supplies.

Total Regional Health Care System Response Estimated Expenses: \$21,000,000

CARES Funding Overview

As of September 30, 2020, the County of Riverside has incurred \$286 million (59% of the CARES funding) in COVID-19 expenses related to Riverside County Response & Preparation, Business & Community Services, Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions and Congregate Care Facilities expenses and Regional Hospital Care Response. The funding administration team is currently vetting Covid-19 expenses incurred between October 1, 2020 and through November 30, 2020. Furthermore, staff will continue to work with County departments to identify eligible COVID-19 expenses, present updates as part of the January CARES monthly report, prioritize the reallocation of any remaining funds to public health testing, health care treatment, and vaccine deployment. Strategic adjustments to the CARES funding categories and projections continue to be deployed to ensure full maximization of the funding. The latest COVID-19 / CARES expenses and projections are outlined in Attachment B.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Use of CARES Act funding benefits the county residents through aiding regional hospitals, community health centers and congregate care facilities as they care for and provide services for those impacted by COVID-19. Programs such as the Rental Assistance, Non-Profit and Small Business grants enable residents to stay in their homes, small businesses to continue their operations and assists non-profits to fulfill their missions. Assistance provided to the Riverside County Office of Education facilitates distance learning for K-12 students in addition to adult schools through the purchase of needed devices. The Youth Community Corp engages the county's youth by responding to the employment issues facing this group as a result of COVID-19, as well as providing civic engagement activities. The Pathways to Employment program offers opportunities to unemployed residents. The Homes for the Harvest program offers safe and suitable places for farmworkers to isolate. CARES Act funding represents a critical funding mechanism as the county continues its essential services to residents in the areas of medical care, public health response, testing, PPE's, social services, public safety and general government services.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A Infographic of CARES Act Funding Categories

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| Attachment B | CARES Act Expenses and Projections |
| Attachment C | COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program Summary Report
(November 13, 2020) |
| Attachment D | Business and Community Services Department Program Awards Press
Release |
| Attachment E | Get Tested – Press Release |
| Attachment F | 'Smaller, Shorter, Safer' Holiday Gatherings – Press Release |
| Attachment G | RIVCO Responds Infographic |
| Attachment H | Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS)
Programs Infographic |

Attachment A



Infographic of CARES Act Funding Categories

CARES FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

November 2020 Status Report



Business Assistance Response

Department(s) Assigned:
Business & Community Services

Original Estimate \$50M
Revised allocation \$53.6M



Riverside County Government Response and Preparation

Department(s) Assigned:
Executive Office
- County Departments

Revised Estimate \$322M

Actuals and Work in Progress:
FY 19/20 \$72M
FY 20/21 \$273M



Congregate Care Facilities

Includes Jails, Juvenile Hall, SNF's, Assisted Living & Rehabilitation

Department(s) Assigned:
Emergency Management Department
RUHS: Public Health
Sheriff
Probation

Revised Estimate \$34M

Actuals & Work in Progress:
FY19/20 \$1.6M
FY 20/21 \$55M



Sheltering, Homelessness, Rental Assistance & Workforce Development

Includes Distance Learning

Department(s) Assigned:
Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department

Original Estimate \$50M
Revised Estimate \$56M



Regional Health Care System Response

Includes Regional Hospitals and Community Health Centers

Department(s) Assigned:
Emergency Management Department
RUHS: Medical Center & Public Health

Original Estimate \$34M
Revised Estimate \$21M

Actuals & Work in Progress:
FY19/20 \$12.1M
FY 20/21 \$10.2M

Attachment B



CARES Act Expenses and Projections

Attachment C



COVID-19 Business Assistance
Grant Program Summary Report
(November 13, 2020)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



COVID-19 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

SUMMARY REPORT

NOVEMBER 13, 2020





COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program Summary

On June 2, 2020 the Board of Supervisors approved \$45 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) grant funding to aid small businesses enduring hardships due to the coronavirus pandemic. The COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program is available to small businesses in cities and unincorporated areas within Riverside County.

The program provides a \$10,000 grant to individual businesses affected by closures and interruptions in response to COVID-19. Many of the smaller businesses and sole proprietorships in the county were unable to obtain loan funding through the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. The COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program was designed to provide direct assistance in an efficient and accessible manner. In partnership with the non-profit organization, Main Street Launch, the program consists of an online application form with loadable documentation, review and verification, and the convenience of direct deposit to grantees. This program affords struggling businesses the ability to maintain service levels, retain employees, and address new health and safety practices required to continue operations.

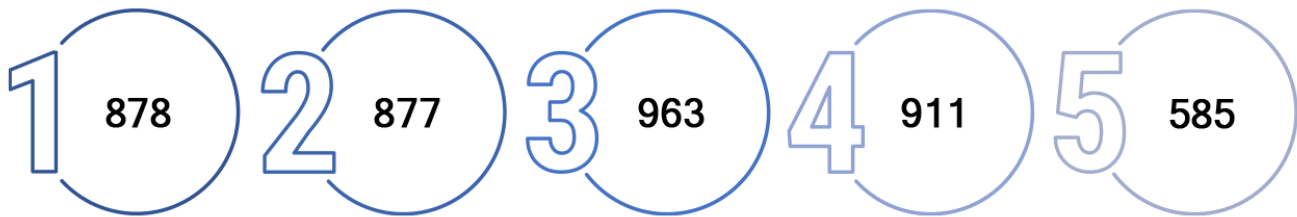
The COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program has concluded two rounds of applications. Round I (June 3 - 19, 2020) and Round II (June 29 - August 31, 2020) and provided 2,667 grants as of the week ending August 1, 2020, for those two rounds. The third and final Round launched on September 16th and will close on November 13th. Grants funded collectively within all rounds through October 31, 2020, amount to \$42.14 million. Application processing and funding for Round III is in process and will be provided upon completion. Eligibility requirements consistent in all three rounds are as follows: Private for-profit businesses; business must have experienced a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19; businesses with less than 50 employees; and operating for a minimum of one-year as of March 1, 2020. Round II expanded eligibility included: Sole proprietors that do not have employees; and businesses that received the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or advance. Round III granted additional expanded eligibility, allowing Paycheck Protection Program recipients (\$75,000 or less).

To promote the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program, flyers were distributed door-to-door to business communities throughout the county along with direct contact through email and phone calls. The grant program also gained public exposure through media outlets, webinars, and partnerships with cities, chambers and members of the Economic Recovery Task Force.

COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant recipients throughout the county, collectively through October 23, 2020.

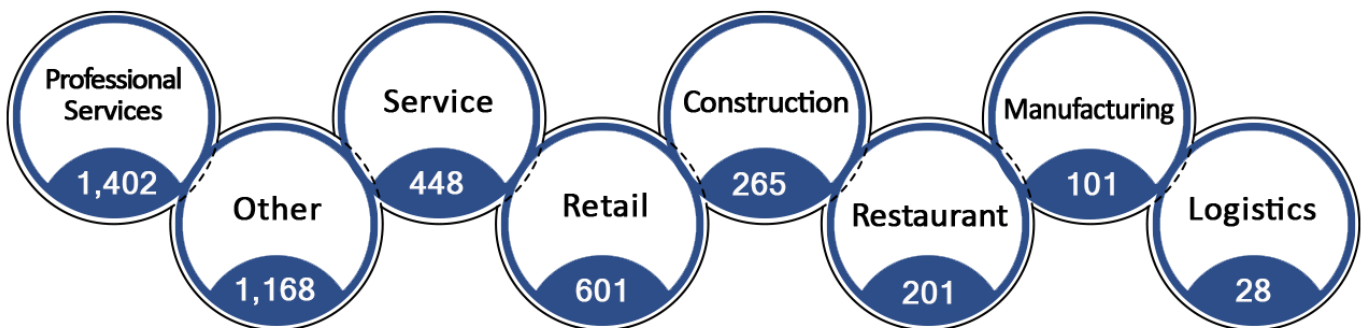
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM NUMBER OF GRANTS - THROUGH 10/23/20

BY DISTRICT



COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant funding through October 23, 2020 illustrated below by industry sector.

FUNDED/COMMITTED BY SECTOR THROUGH 10/23/20



Size of businesses positively assisted by funding through the COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant program.

SIZE OF BUSINESS BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES 4,214 TOTAL BUSINESSES



In addition, the following data was collected to reflect the grant funding recipients and, in each community, by Supervisorial District:

DISTRICT 1	FUNDED
Canyon Lake	42
Corona	46
Gavilan Hills	1
Lake Elsinore	116
Lake Mathews	2
Meadowbrook	1
Murrieta	4
Perris	20
Riverside	602
Temecula	5
Temescal Valley	5
Wildomar	34
TOTAL	878

DISTRICT 2	FUNDED
Corona	377
Eastvale	59
El Cerrito	1
Jurupa Valley	39
Mira Loma	2
Norco	78
Riverside	321
TOTAL	877

DISTRICT 3	FUNDED
Aguanga	12
Anza	5
Hemet	112
Homeland	1
Idyllwild	38
Menifee	6
Mountain Center	7
Murrieta	305
San Jacinto	42
Temecula	387
Winchester	48
TOTAL	963

DISTRICT 4	FUNDED
Bermuda Dunes	17
Blythe	16
Cathedral City	111
Chiriaco Summit	2
Coachella	55
Desert Hot Springs	37
Idyllwild	1
Indian Wells	13
Indio	115
La Quinta	79
Mecca	8
N. Palm Springs	1
North Shore	2
Palm Canyon	1
Palm Desert	216
Palm Springs	175
Rancho Mirage	34
Sky Valley	2
Thermal	8
Thousand Palms	18
TOTAL	911

DISTRICT 5	FUNDED
Banning	45
Beaumont	61
Cabazon	1
Calimesa	9
Cherry Valley	7
Desert Hot Springs	3
Homeland	1
Menifee	74
Moreno Valley	301
N. Palm Springs	3
Nuevo	7
Palm Springs	1
Perris	52
Quail Valley	1
Rancho Belago	1
Riverside	1
Romoland	5
Sun City	10
Whitewater	2
TOTAL	585

Attachment D



Business and Community
Services Department
Program Awards - Press Release

For Immediate Release: November 6, 2020

Media Contact: Rob Moran
Business & Community Services
3403 10th Street, Suite 400
Riverside CA 92501
rmoran@rivco.org
(951) 955-6673



PRESS RELEASE

County of Riverside and its Business and Community Services Department Awarded Inland Empire Economic Partnership Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards

On Thursday (November 5, 2020) evening, the County of Riverside and its Business and Community Services Department were honored with a number of awards at the Inland Empire Economic Partnership Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards Ceremony.

In first-place, the County's COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program received the Business Retention & Expansion Award. Over \$45 million will be awarded to Riverside County small businesses through the COVID- 19 Business Assistance Grant Program. The program was approved by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2020, using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) grant funding. Eligible businesses include private for-profit businesses that have experienced a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, businesses with less than 50 employees, and those operating for a minimum of one year as of March 1, 2020. Sole proprietors and businesses that received the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or advance and/or the Paycheck Protection Program (\$75,000 or less) are also eligible.

Also in first-place, the County's Business Ambassador Program received the Cooperation Among Cities, Counties or Agencies Award. The County of Riverside launched the Business Ambassador Program to help businesses in readiness and reopening efforts. The Business Ambassador Program is a cross-department collaboration primarily between two County departments – Transportation Land Management Agency and

Business & Community Services. The Public Health and Environmental Health departments have also supported the program as needed. Through the program, a business ambassador will conduct an individualized in-person, virtual, or telephone consultation at no cost to identify ways businesses can operate safely and within compliance of state and local reopening guidelines. During the visit, businesses are provided a toolkit which includes state industry guidance and checklists, protocols for when employees test positive for COVID-19, face masks, mask and social distancing compliance posters and other resource information. To date, business ambassadors have offered businesses with over 2,000 hours of support.

The Restart Loan Program also received the first-place award for the Public-Private Partnership Award. The ReStart Program provided funding for small businesses within the county in amounts from \$15,000-\$30,000 with payment terms of five years and an interest rate of 3.75%. The program provided financial assistance to businesses that had difficulty accessing microloans in the commercial market and alternate lenders.

Business and Community Services was a runner-up for the Public-Private Partnership Award for three new county libraries located in the City of Desert Hot Springs, City of Menifee and in the county's unincorporated area of French Valley. The Riverside County Library System (RCLS) is a network of 36 libraries, to include a reference library at the Edward-Dean Museum, two bookmobiles, and a city museum. The network provides services to over one million people across the county.

To learn more about the services and programs provided by the County of Riverside Business & Community Services please visit www.rivcobizhelp.org, or call 951.955.0493 or email bizinfo@rivco.org

#

Attachment E



Get Tested – Press Release



Oct. 23, 2020

Riverside County
NEWS RELEASE

Media Contact:

Brooke Federico
(951) 743-0075 – cell
bcfederico@rivco.org

Public contact: 2-1-1

Riverside County officials: It's up to all of us to return to red. Get tested.

Riverside County officials remind residents that returning swiftly to the red tier of the state's reopening framework is based on the actions that all of us take – including getting tested. Returning to red tier so that more businesses can return indoors as quickly as possible means that all residents must remain vigilant and get tested. Getting tested is a critical step to early intervention that slows the spread to others.

When residents wear face masks outside the home, keep six feet of distance from others and frequently wash their hands, they protect themselves by up to 95 percent of the virus.

"We have been through this situation before and we have the tools to get back into the red tier," said Board Chair V. Manuel Perez, Fourth District Supervisor. "Let's all work together, focus on getting tested and wearing face masks, so we can get back to red."

Riverside County returned to the purple tier this week, requiring several types of businesses and places of worship to move outdoors. The county must remain in the purple tier for a minimum of three weeks until the state-evaluated metrics return to the red tier for two of those weeks.

PCR swab tests for active infections slows the spread of the disease by identifying infected individuals who can then be isolated as well as their close contacts. This process disrupts the virus and slows its spread.

“Besides the benefit to our businesses, there’s a payoff for you,” said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County public health officer. “If you’re medically vulnerable, detecting the infection early might reduce your risk of complications, and even if you’re well, it means you can take precautions sooner to avoid spreading it to your family or workplace. If we can get less spread, fewer people will be at risk, and that’s the most important goal.”

Riverside County’s state-evaluated metrics include a 5.2 positivity rate and 9.1 case rate. While the positivity rate is within the red tier range, the case rate – cases per 100,000 people – is within the purple tier. Riverside County’s case rate is also worsened by the state’s upwards adjustment for not reaching the statewide median of PCR swab tests. More Riverside County residents this week are getting tested for the virus at approximately 200 people a day per 100,000 residents, up from 139 in early September. The statewide testing median is 239 people a day per 100,000 residents.

Based on the state’s criteria, if Riverside County tests a higher rate than the statewide median, the case rate will be adjusted down, instead of up.

Testing is free at a county or state-run site and available for anyone.

There are also mobile teams that support testing in specific communities, businesses or organizations by testing for one or two days.

There are 12 testing sites spread throughout Riverside County, both walk-in and drive-up services. To find county and state-run locations and make an appointment, go online to gettested.ruhealth.org. For a list of other COVID-19 test sites in your area, click <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>.

Follow official sources for information, including Riverside University Health System-Public Health on Facebook and @RivCoDoc on Twitter.

#

Attachment F



'Smaller, Shorter, Safer'
Holiday Gatherings
– Press Release



November 19, 2020

Media Contact:

Jose Arballo Jr.

RUHS-Public Health

951-712-3705

jarballojr@ruhealth.org

Health officials urge Riverside County residents to keep holiday gatherings ‘Smaller, Shorter, Safer’

Riverside County residents are asked to take precautions when celebrating Thanksgiving with *smaller, shorter and safer* get-togethers.

With the recent rise in coronavirus cases and COVID-19 hospitalizations, state health officials are urging residents to limit possible exposure to the virus by reducing the number of people they have contact with during Thanksgiving.

While some may opt to have family gatherings, residents are urged to follow these recommendations:

Smaller – If you are going to meet during the holiday, keep the groups small and separate, even within a household. Avoid large gatherings.

Shorter – Keep get-togethers to an hour or two.

Safer – Don’t forget about basic safety: wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands. Eat and socialize outside. Consider seating one family group on the patio, while another sits in a separate area. Keep plenty of hand sanitizer on hand. Avoid sharing serving utensils.

“We understand the desire to celebrate the holidays with loved ones, so consider these three steps that could help reduce the chance of virus spread if you decide to get together,” said Kim Saruwatari, director of the Riverside University Health System - Public Health. “Smaller, Shorter, Safer could really help slow the spread of the virus.”

Riverside County, like the rest of California, has seen a jump in cases, hospitalizations and the use of ICU beds over the last few weeks. The county was recently placed in the purple tier – the most restrictive of the four color-designated state tiers – as the case and positivity rates rose.

“Coronavirus is unfortunately rising rapidly in Riverside County, and around our state and nation,” said Riverside County Board Chair and Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. “Let’s be careful and protect ourselves and our loved ones and follow these public health messages.”

State and federal health officials are providing similar guidance for the holidays. For California Department of Public Health, click <https://covid19.ca.gov/holidays/>

For guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) click <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>

#

Attachment G



RIVCO Responds Infographic

RivCo Responds


#RivCoNOW



*Numbers as of 12/11/20

RESIDENTS

Mask Giveaway

 **10 million**
Includes 4 million to nonprofits and places of worship

Mobile Lab

 **\$1.8 million**

Rental Relief

 **\$33 million**

Project Roomkey Emergency hotel rooms to combat homelessness


849 people helped
239 transitioned to permanent housing

Homeless Shelters

 **3,000** face masks
600 face shields

Great Plates Program

 **1,257,147** meals delivered to seniors

Food Access Coordination

 **662** food banks, pantries, shelter and school lunch sites

Food Banks, Pantries & Food Shelter Support

 **\$4.1 million**

Youth Community Corps

 **\$2 million**

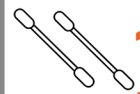
Pathways to Employment Training Program

 **\$4 million**

Student Laptops

 **\$11 million**

Tests

 **1,265,078** tests performed

CRITICAL WORKERS

PPE to Healthcare Workers and First Responders

 **4,342,261**

Quarantine Support for Farmworkers

 **\$1 million**

Skilled Nursing Facility Outreach Teams

 **1,424** visits to group living facilities

Childcare for Essential Workers

 **\$5 million**

Hospital Coordination

 **17** acute care hospitals

Contact Tracers

 **353** newly hired disease investigators

BUSINESS & NONPROFIT SUPPORT

Small Business Grants

 **\$46.5 million**

Nonprofit Grants

 **\$5 million**

Masks for Businesses

 **2 million**

Business Ambassador Program

 **12** ambassadors

Attachment H



Housing, Homelessness
Prevention and Workforce
Solutions (HHPWS)
Programs Infographic

County of Riverside

HHPWWS

Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions

CARES ACT PROGRAMS

303

PLACEMENTS

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

30

WORKSITES



840 ASSISTED TO DATE VIA PROJECT ROOM KEY
219 TRANSITIONED TO PERMANENT HOUSING



494 ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED \$4.5M
IN NON PROFIT ASSISTANCE

5k

FAMILIES HELPED

\$19M

SPENT

UNITED LIFT RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUND

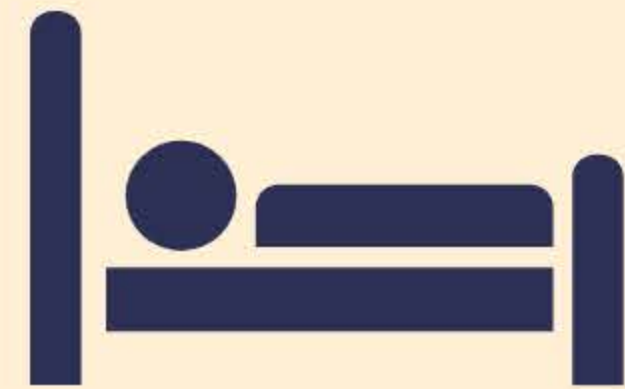
25K

COMPUTERS

ACQUIRED VIA RCOE ALL FOR ONE CAMPAIGN

11K

HOT SPOTS



\$19M FROM STATE & COUNTY FOR PROJECT
HOMEKEY INVESTED IN 173 UNITS OF PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



697 YOUTH COMMUNITY CORPS INTERNSHIPS
SECURED AT 120 WORKSITES

101

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTED THUS FAR

HOUSING FOR THE HARVEST